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Subject: Nancye Jones

November 30th, 2010

Dear Mr. Figlio,

As a private citizen and fellow taxpayer of Volusia County, I am contacting you today in an effort to enlighten you to the numerous conflicts of interest and potential disaster they would create in our judicial court system, concerning the impending potential appointment of the Assistant County Legal Attorney, Nancye Rogers Jones to the possible position of judgeship to the 7th Judicial Circuit Courthouse for the County of Volusia by you, as the new General Counsel to Governor Crist in the very near future.

On November 17, 2010, I wrote my concerns to Mr. Drew Atkinson, Simone Lawrence and Governor Crist in an attempt to illuminate them to the obvious conflicts of interest concerning Ms. Jones' appointment to judgeship, if that should transpire. (See attached letter to Governor Crist).

Today, rather than reiterate what has previously been logically conveyed to their attention ahead of the judgeship selection, I would also like to impart to you that now, apparently, per recent e-mails sent by Mary Jolley, herself, to Andy Hagan, who it would appear that she has a somewhat familiar association/rapport with from past history, and has per her own admission, been working with Ms. Jones for the past 4 months at the Volusia County Legal Office and has confessed that Ms. Jones is "such a mentor to me," has suddenly become such an extremely avid advocate for her potential judgeship selection, which would inadvertently promote Ms. Jolley into Ms. Jones' former position as the Assistant County Attorney, strongly indicating that the promotion for Ms. Jones would logically promote Ms. Jolley, as well, to a permanent position as the assistant county attorney. Isn't it a logical conclusion to state that Ms. Jolley, who is a JNC board member to help choose Ms. Jones as one of the FINAL six candidates and then to go on record to "formally" solely endorse Ms. Jones as a candidate for the judicial circuit court position in her official capacity on "county time," and then to reach out to Andy Hagan that she "wanted to reach out" to him "with the hope that maybe you could put in a good word for her with your boss," as well as conveying to Mr. Hagan that she (Nancye) "has sent her resume/information and has had several county council members and the County Manager reach out to "MORI" on her behalf but I just wanted to do my part for her as well." This would be adequately, without a doubt, "Quid pro quo, " on Ms. Jolley's participation in Nancye's potential selection to judgeship.

In addition to this major conflict, Nancye Jones states herself, in her own e-mail to Geoff Bichler, that " the SO was represented by the PBA at one time and the FOP as well while I worked there. Of course, my husband is a major with the SO so I definitely have a very strong law enforcement background." Mr. Bichler, then e-mails Nancye back with the assuring reply that "Based on your recommendation, we will be glad to offer an endorsement.....I will contact our members in the Volusia area for any feedback." So evidently, Ms. Jones is counting on the backup endorsements of not only the SO's office, PBA, the FOP and let's not forget Ms. Jolley, as well as other unknown influential endorsements that she can get to procure this appointment for her.

Mr. Figlio, it would appear and further suggest, at this point that you are being used as a pawn to

further the career and personal advancement of Ms. Nancye R. Jones, which in effect, has a high potential for you to be exploited and possibly promote repercussions later on in this selection for judgeship, especially if the other 5 candidates, as well as the potential candidates that were eliminated earlier on in the selection process discover this preferential treatment on behalf of Ms. Jones. Here you have Ms. Jolley, a member of the JNC committee to appoint 6 of the best qualified applicants, then Ms. Jolley goes on record in her official capacity to personally promote/endorse Ms. Jones as the best qualified person for the judgeship.

In conclusion, Mr. Figlio, I would strongly encourage you, before making the final selection, to thoroughly research and explore on your own, all concerns and information available to you at this time to pick the Best Qualified candidate on MERIT, rather than popularity or endorsements made by individuals who work with Ms. Jones and have a vested interest in the outcome of her selection to judgeship, rather than the logical aspect of the feasibility of Ms. Jones' capacity to be put in the position of being able to be unrestricted in the cases that she is able to hear or "Quid pro quo," as a representative in the best interest of the people and fellow taxpayers in Volusia County. I invite you to visit <http://VolusiaExposed.com>; and click on the top left hand column for the latest events, as well as, <http://volusiaexposed.com/judgeship/jones2.html>.

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Subject: Re: Potential Nancye Jones judgeship appointment

November 17, 2010

Dear Governor Crist and General Legal Council,

I am contacting you today to advise you of several important issues of Immense concern to the citizens and taxpayers of Volusia County, Florida in the 7th Judicial Circuit Courthouse for Volusia County, Florida concerning the potential appointment of Assistant County Legal Attorney, Nancye Rogers Jones to the possible position of judgeship to be appointed by Governor Crist in the near future.

There are several major issues of concern that I would like to bring to your attention in regard to this possible appointment to judgeship for Mrs. Jones. First and foremost, it is an imminent conflict of interest to appoint Mrs. Jones to this position of judgeship for the County of Volusia, because her husband, Major Robert Jones, is 3rd in command in the upper echelon/administration of Sheriff Ben Johnson, of the Volusia County Sheriff's Department. Just the fact that Mrs. Jones' status of being married to Major R. Jones is a fundamental problem in itself even now, as an assistant county attorney because she has the capacity to share privileged information with her husband which can and may already have unduly influenced the outcome of any case civilly or criminally now heard, as the assistant county attorney, as it is a direct conflict of interest on her behalf and ability in the future to impartially sit on the bench and then further rule on the outcome of a criminal case; case in point:

Judge Piggotte from the 7th Judicial Circuit Court for Volusia County, who had to remove herself from hearing all criminal cases because her husband was involved in assisting the state attorney in the prosecution/investigation of criminal cases and such created a substantial conflict of interest. (Refer to <http://volusiaexposed.com/judgeship/jones2.html> for further clarification/ information in regard to this case, as well as other supporting information in regard to this extremely important issue and concern in regard to her potential appointment as judge.) This will exert an enormous burden, to us the citizens and taxpayers of Volusia County to maintain and financially compensate TWO circuit court judges, one of which will be extremely limited in her capacity to exclusively hear ONLY civil cases, rather than ONE circuit court judge who has the ability and influence to administer justice in both civil and criminal cases within the 7th Judicial Circuit in Volusia County Court. With this knowledge in advance, to knowingly appoint Mrs. Jones to this position, despite the obvious conflict of interest, as stated, this is in direct conflict to the comments made by Chief Judge J. Walsh that, "these judicial rotations are routinely made to permit judges to become more familiar with different aspects of the law." Mrs. Jones would be severely limited and an impairment, rather than an asset, to this judicial process, as outlined by Chief Judge J. Walsh, as she could not be included in this rotational process.

Conflict #2: To date, there have been several inmate deaths at the Volusia County Branch Jail and according to Florida State Law, the Volusia County Sheriff's Department MUST investigate ALL criminal deaths at the jail. Again, this creates a substantial direct conflict of interest because Major R. Jones, Assistant Attorney Jones' husband, is in charge of this criminal division and all investigations/investigators are required to go directly through him. Obviously, Mrs. Jones therefore is privy to ALL jail staff information, as well as all other criminal investigational information that Major Jones may obtain in his investigational capacity for these criminal investigations and has she therefore has the authority to issue disciplinary action, up to and including termination to county employees to primarily protect the county from any potential civil or criminal violations/liability. So in essence, Assistant Attorney Jones foremost has firsthand knowledge of the criminal acts perpetrated and has the capacity to either release or conceal this said information assimilated through the Sheriff's Department via her husband, to protect the county from liability, at any cost. The county retains her to protect THEM and THEIR best interests, not protect the interests of the citizens, employees, and taxpayers of Volusia County. Nancye Jones is more concerned with her own personal advancement in the justice system than she is with the interest or "justice" of the community. Case in point: On the premise that Nancye R. Jones is ultimately appointed to this position of judgeship for the 7th Judicial Circuit Court, she will have firsthand prior knowledge, in the event that any of the family members of the inmates that had died while incarcerated at the Volusia County Branch Jail decide to sue the jail, she will have the potential capacity to be able to hear the case and the case may be tainted as she will be given the power from her judicial position and discretion to dismiss or sway the case in the county's favor for civil or criminal liability.

Third Conflict of Interest: Sheriff Ben Johnson is whole heartedly supporting Nancye R. Jones' potential appointment by giving her a superior recommendation as a candidate for judgeship. Again, Sheriff Ben Johnson is Nancye R. Jones' husband's superior officer. To say the very least, in my opinion, it is highly inappropriate for her husband's superior officer to place himself in the position to become her advocate to push for her advancement to this highly judicial position, given the fact that her husband continues to work for the sheriff and Volusia County and she, herself, has worked for the Sheriff as a legal advisor and the county for approximately 20 yrs now. Ben Johnson's participation in Nancye's potential advancement is an undue influence on his part, again resulting in an obvious conflict of interest.

Please be advised, as of this communication, Nancye Rogers Jones knowingly has an open Florida Bar

complaint pending against her, which logically should be resolved before she pursues any further potential advancement in her career that will promote her to this powerful position as a judge to the 7th Judicial Circuit Court, if her appointment is successful. This would be a travesty of justice to the people/ taxpayers of Volusia County, Florida.

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